IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Haruo YAMASHITA et al. : Confirmation No. 6226

Serial No. 10/571,296 : Group Art Unit 2629

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VISUAL PROCESSING DEVICE, VISUAL PROCESSING METHOD, VISUAL PROCESSING PROGRAM. AND

PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated September 16, 2009. The Office Action issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Figure 40, without traverse, for further prosecution. It is submitted that claims 9-25 read on the elected invention (i.e., species). In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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